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From: Mary Vandevord [mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org]
Sent: 10/19/2020 3:55:30 PM
To: Marceillars, Rochelle [Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: ESTL Collaborative Partnership Meeting
Attachments: ATT00001.txt; ATT00002.txt

Just closing the email loop. :) Hope you are well.

Mary

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From: **Lorenzo Thompson** <lorenzo.thompson@tcivil.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 19, 2020, 10:50 AM
Subject: RE: ESTL Collaborative Partnership Meeting
To: Mary Vandevord <mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org>
Cc: Samuel Swanson <sswanson@cesl.us>, Candiace Pearson <cpearson@cesl.us>, Brooke Smith <basmith@cesl.us>

Hello Mary,

Thanks for the information Mary. City boundaries have not changed. I believe the City should be represented on the advisory committee, as well. The best person is Sam Swanson, the City Public Works Director. Once the committee is formed, please reach out.

Thanks and Stay Safe,

Lorenzo Thompson

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From: Mary Vandevord <mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Lorenzo Thompson <lorenzo.thompson@tcivil.com>
Subject: Re: ESTL Collaborative Partnership Meeting

Hi Lorenzo,

I am not at my office today so can't send an edited map to you, but generally speaking the part of the City in the PDP watershed is the area East of 111/Kingshighway. I attached a map of the PDP watershed showing where the Summit Ave wetland is located for reference.

The vast majority of the City is in Judy's Branch watershed. The area between 111/Kingshighway and Hwy 157, including Marybelle Ave and State St, is in Prairie du Pont watershed. Unless the city boundaries have changed or are different from what we have on file? If the Summit/Marybelle Ave area with the wetland we have been discussing is not in the City boundary, please let me know and we will make updates to our boundary maps.

Regarding the stakeholders question several emails below, we are in the stakeholder identification stage and compiling a list. Already on the list are elected and appointed officials from each community and township in the watersheds, as well as several organizations (such as Christian Activity Center, East Side Health Dist, etc). There will be an advisory committee formed of key stakeholders and experts in the area. East St. Louis most certainly should be represented on that committee.

If the grant is awarded, the process and committee wouldn't start until next year sometime.

Please let me know if you have other questions or clarifications about the watershed planning proposal.

Mary

On Mon, Oct 19, 2020, 10:11 AM Lorenzo Thompson <lorenzo.thompson@tcivil.com> wrote:

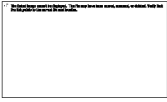
Good Morning Mary,

I don't think it that it makes much difference, however, please show me where ESTL is in both boundaries.

Thanks and Stay Safe,

Lorenzo Thompson

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Cc: Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov>; Kalra, Ajay <kalraa@siu.edu>; Angela Burrage <aburrage@ceslil.onmicrosoft.com>; Samuel Swanson <sswanson@cesl.us>; Brooke Smith <basmith@cesl.us>; Zobrist, Tyson J CIV USARMY CEMVS (USA) <Tyson.J.Zobrist@usace.army.mil>
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ESTL boundary is in both Judy's Branch and Prairie du Pont watersheds.

Mary

On Mon, Oct 19, 2020, 9:16 AM Lorenzo Thompson <lorenzo.thompson@tcivil.com> wrote:

Hello Rochelle,

It's possible that the City will need assistance. I will look it too this a little further.

Thanks and Stay Safe,

Lorenzo Thompson

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Hi Lorenzo,

I cannot answer your question below. For future emails regarding the watershed planning proposal, please include Mary Vandevord, HeartLands Conservancy, that submitted the first grant proposal back in August. The proposal also included Letters of Support for other entities.

It was my understanding that the pumping of the ditch was discussed some time ago with the City and Army Corps of Engineers. It is also my understanding that the City had to pave the area before this could be done, which has occurred. As you have stated below, the City will now need to perform some type of resource leveling to get this done. Is this something the City will need assistance to get it completed?

Rochelle A. Marceillars

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From: Lorenzo Thompson <lorenzo.thompson@tcivil.com>
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Hello,

I see East St. Louis is 100% in the Judy's Branch and the City boundaries on the demographics map. Is there a list of names of surrounding City officials that are Stakeholder's in this effort?

Incidentally, concerning you question about the wetlands drainage. The wetlands have not been drained at this point. I believe Sam needs to perform some type resource leveling to get it done.

Thanks and Stay Safe,

Lorenzo Thompson

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From: Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 3:49 PM

To: Kalra, Ajay <kalraa@siu.edu>; Lorenzo Thompson <lorenzo.thompson@tcivil.com>; Angela Burrage <aburrage@ceslil.onmicrosoft.com>; Samuel Swanson <sswanson@cesl.us>

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Attached is the Prairie du Pont and Judy's Branch watersheds (map attached). Several of the communities in the Prairie du Pont watershed are also in the Judy's Branch watershed. It just seemed logical and less confusing to the public to include both. Once again, the watershed plan would take about 2 years to develop and would identify immediate, medium and long term actions and projects to address the water quality, drainage, and flooding issues in these areas. The process will need to include significant community outreach and engagement with residents, government officials, agencies, and others in the watershed.

For demographic information on East St. Louis click on <https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/il/east-st-louis/demographics>.

From: Kalra, Ajay <kalraa@siu.edu>

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 12:43 PM

To: Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov>; Lorenzo Thompson <lorenzo.thompson@tcivil.com>; Angela Burrage <aburrage@ceslil.onmicrosoft.com>; Samuel Swanson <sswanson@cesl.us>

Subject: Re: ESTL Collaborative Partnership Meeting

Thanks Rochelle

I will start putting together a list of administrative docs needed for the city so that city has enough time to gather the information while I work on the write up.

Regards

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AJ,

Attached is the watershed planning proposal submitted to Illinois EPA by HeartLands Conservancy.

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Thanks Lorenzo

That will be good. I need some past reports on the problems and if there is any conceptual study that would be helpful. I would like to clearly know a wish list of things city plan to do in terms of H&H, water quality, wetlands, habitat restoration, and any other environmental engineering issue. These are all the necessary components we need to have for the proposal. Then I can put together a draft and get it for city to review.

Also, I will need information on the social and economic demographics for the city as per the original email to you. Also, if i can get some details on the EPA watershed plan study that would be helpful too during the planning stage. Let me know if this helps and I can provide more information as requested.

Regards

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Good Afternoon Ajay,

We have a plan to get as much information for you as we can by Friday the 14th. Hopefully that will be enough time to draft your report by the 25th. Below is what we are performing. This was sent to the City personnel last Thursday.

I believe the drinking water issue in Centerville has prompted immediate action. Water Quality has been a very serious issue for years. Centerville and East St. Louis have had the same flooding issues for years with the combined system and aged sewer infrastructure. I am not sure if ESL has the drinking water problem. Ajay is looking for comprehensive data that he can use to eventually monitor flooding issues across the City and develop a plan to mitigate the potential problems. His report can be eventually used to show the need in these areas for additional Grant Funding for Water Quality and Sewer Infrastructure.

I think the City should start with gathering historical data from areas that have flooded. Vandeveter pump station reports could prove beneficial. Any news reports from the past. We should plan on gathering information and submit to Ajay by the end of next week. That will give him time to develop his submittal.

I will reach out to Metro East San. Sew. Dist. and American Bottoms for information. I believe that Sam and another person that knows the history of the flooding in ESL should write a brief summary of what they think the issues are. Should anyone named on the email know of any other resource, please let me or Ann know.

There has been many sewer breaks and repairs throughout the entire City. I have designed and solicited the repair for many. I will provide that information in a form that should be suitable for Ajay. Please note that I cannot get similar information from Hurst-Rosche without City consent. The City may want to request information on sewer issues and repairs they have been involved with over the past several years.

Thanks,

Lorenzo Thompson

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Hi Ann

Any update on the in person meeting to finalize the project and how we plan to move forward. I am a little pressed on time so please let me know your thoughts and will plan accordingly.

Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 10:58 AM

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When: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 1:00 PM-2:00 PM.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Just a friendly reminder for our meeting at 1pm. Talk with you soon. Thank you.

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From: Marceillars, Rochelle

Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 12:22 PM

To: Marceillars, Rochelle; Robert Eastern; Brooke Smith; Sarah Joshway; Angela Burrage; Samuel Swanson; Lorenzo Thompson; Tony Howard; Walts, Alan; Triantafillou, Kathy; Suero, Maryann; Marsh, Janette; Maraldo, Dean; Rogers, Joan; Mary Vandevord; Pressnall, Chris; christine.davis@illinois.gov; Zobrist, Tyson J CIV USARMY CEMVS (USA); Calvo, Estrella; Callahan, Adrienne; kalraa@siu.edu

Subject: ESTL Collaborative Partnership Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Updates/Report Outs

- Marybelle/Summit Avenue project (ESTL)
- Watershed planning grant proposal (HeartLands Conservancy)
- Leading Engineering for America's Prosperity, Health and Infrastructure grant proposals (SIUC)
- Federal/State activities/technical assistance in Metro East (EPA/IEPA)

3. Other items

4. Recap (follow-up items)

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